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**EVENT: Appointments**

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**THREE NEW ATTORNEYS JOIN UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

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Three lawyers have been appointed to serve as new Assistant United States Attorneys for the Eastern District of Michigan, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today. The newly appointed AUSAs, who began their terms of service on three different dates over the past month, are Kevin Mulcahy, David Gardey and Leonid Feller.

AUSA Kevin Mulcahy comes to the Detroit office from previous service with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California in San Diego, where he prosecuted border crimes and major drug trafficking crimes and also handled appeals on behalf of the government in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Mulcahy was an associate attorney with the California-based international law firm Morrison & Foerster. Mr. Mulcahy is a 2000 graduate of Santa Clara University School of Law where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan. Mr. Mulcahy, who was sworn in on December 12, 2005, will be prosecuting cases in his new assignment for the General Crimes Unit in Detroit.

AUSA David Gardey was sworn in on December 19, 2005. Prior to returning to Michigan, Mr. Gardey was employed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida in Miami since 2001, and he prosecuted numerous complex narcotics cases

in that role. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Gardey worked at the Butzel Long law firm in Detroit for four years, and at Cravath Swaine & Moore, a notable New York law firm, from 1995-97. Mr. Gardey also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Paul V. Gadola, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, from 1993-1995 in Detroit. Mr. Gardey is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame School of Law (1993), where he as well served as Editor in Chief of the Notre Dame Law Review. Mr. Gardey is a graduate of Yale University (1990). AUSA Gardey has been selected to fill a vacancy in Detroit's Controlled Substance Unit.

Leonid ("Lenny") Feller, joins the General Crimes Unit of the Detroit United States Attorney's Office upon his swearing in, which was held earlier today, after spending four years as a Senior Associate with the international law firm of Kirkland and Ellis, in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to service with that firm, Mr. Feller was law clerk to the Honorable David A. Nelson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati. Mr. Feller received his law degree, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School (2000), where he helped to edit the *Journal of Law and Public Policy*; he obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1996.

"Today's announcement of these appointments marks our commitment to developing a legacy as the finest United States Attorney's office in the nation. Our hiring efforts serve to underscore my personal commitment to the development and shepherding of our office's most important resources – our human resources. I am delighted to think that lawyers of this caliber would want to join the highly proficient staff of attorneys and legal professionals already here in Detroit."

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan prosecutes civil and criminal matters on behalf of the United States of America and its agencies in the 34 counties that make up the eastern half of the state. The Office serves a populations of more than 6.7 million Michiganians and is comprised of approximately 100 Assistant United States Attorneys and a similar number of support staff. United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy was appointed by President Bush to his position on March 8, 2005 and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate three months later.